

Coast Guard, DOT

§ 28.150

(b) Except for an inflatable liferaft or an inflatable buoyant apparatus less than two years of age, each item of lifesaving equipment, including unapproved equipment, must be maintained and inspected in accordance with:

(1) Table 28.140;

(2) The servicing procedure under the subpart of this chapter applicable to the item's approval; and

(3) The manufacturer's guidelines.

(c) An inflatable liferaft or inflatable buoyant apparatus must be serviced at a facility specifically approved by the Commandant.

(d) An escape route from a space where an individual may be employed or an accommodation space must not be obstructed.

TABLE 28.140.—SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT

Item	Interval		Regulation
	Monthly	Annually	
Inflatable wearable personal flotation device (Type V commercial hybrid)	Servicing	28.140
Personal flotation devices, exposure suits and immersion suits	Inspect, clean and repair as necessary.	28.140
Buoyant apparatus and life floats	Inspect, clean and repair as necessary.	28.140
Inflatable liferaft	Servicing	28.140
Inflatable buoyant apparatus	Servicing	28.140
Hydrostatic release	Servicing	28.140
Disposable hydrostatic release	Replace on or before expiration date.	28.140
Undated batteries	Replace	28.140
Dated batteries ¹ and other items	Replace on or before expiration date.	25.26–5, 28.140
EPIRB	Test	25.26–5

¹ Water activated batteries must be replaced whenever they are used.

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§ 28.145 Distress signals.

Except as provided by 28.305, each vessel must be equipped with the distress signals specified in table 28.145.

TABLE 28.145.—DISTRESS SIGNALS

Area	Devices required
Ocean, more than 50 miles from coastline.	3 parachute flares, approval series 46 CFR 160.136; plus 6 hand flares, approval series 46 CFR 160.121; plus 3 smoke signals, approval series 46 CFR 160.122.
Ocean, 3–50 miles from the coastline; or more than 3 miles from the coastline on the Great Lakes.	3 parachute flares, approval series 46 CFR 160.136, or 160.036; plus 6 hand flares, approval series 46 CFR 160.121 or 160.021; plus 3 smoke signals, approval series 46 CFR 160.122, 160.022, or 160.037.

TABLE 28.145.—DISTRESS SIGNALS—Continued

Area	Devices required
Coastal waters, excluding the Great Lakes; or within 3 miles of the coastline on the Great Lakes.	Night visual distress signals consisting of one electric distress light, approval series 46 CFR 161.013 or 3 approved flares; plus Day visual distress signals consisting of one distress flag, approval series 46 CFR 160.072, or 3 approved flares, or 3 approved smoke signals. ¹

¹ If flares are carried, the same 3 flares may be counted toward meeting both the day and night requirement.

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§ 28.150 Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs).

Each vessel must be equipped with an emergency position indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) as required by 46 CFR part 25, subpart 25.26.

NOTE: Each vessel which uses radio communication equipment must have a Ship Radio Station License issued by the Federal